and scanty rainfall. According to the reports of the State Government, only 79 per cent of the Kharif sowing has taken place. The State Government has not reported on the specific extent of adverse impact of the delayed monsoon on Kharif crops.

(b) The State Government has indicated that the annual allocation of Rs. 124.00 crores under Calamity Relief Fund may not be sufficient for undertaking major programme of Employment Generation, drinking water and fodder supply.

(c) The State has an annual allocation of Rs. 124.00 crores to CRF, consisting of the Central share of Rs. 93.00 crores and State share of Rs. 31 crores. the Central Government has already released an amount of Rs. 46.50 crores during 1991-92 towards the 1st and 2nd instalments of the Central share. In addition, the State Government has an unspent balance of Rs. 82.25 crores out of CRF of 1990-91. Thus, including the State's share the Government of Rajasthan has as at present an amount of Rs. 144.25 crores at its disposal for undertaking relief operations. Under the existing scheme for financing the relief expenditure, the State Government is required to meet all expenditure on relief operations out of CRF and its budgetory resources.

The third and fourth instalments of Centre's share of contribution to CRF will be due only in October, 1991 and January, 1992. However, the State Government can also ask for the advance release of Central share depending upon the requirement of funds for providing relief. No such request has been received from the State Government.

Railway line between Farrukhabad and Shahjahanpur

*89. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no railway line between Farrukhabad and Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to provide such a line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present for such a line.

Construction of guest houses and nursing homes in residential areas in Delhi

*90. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.D.A. propose to allow the construction of guest houses and Nursing Homes in the residential areas in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a step is likely to boost up mushroom growth of illegal guest houses and Nursing homes in the Capital, and

(d) if so, what steps are being contemplated against this?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (d) The Master Plan-2001 for Delhi which came into force from 1st August, 1990 does not permit construction of Guest Houses and Nursing Homes in residential plots or residential premises.

The Delhi Development Authority has not taken any decision regarding regularisation of Nursing Homes and Guest Houses which have been functioning in residential areas prior to coming into force of the Master Plan-2001.

Expenditure incurred on Railway Communications System

*91. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expenditure incurred per annum on the Railway Communications system; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade the existing Railway Communication System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 70.74 crores in 1990-91.

(b) Yes, Sir. This is an ongoing continuous exercise.

Yatri Niwases run by Railways

*92. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Yatri Niwases which are run by Railways;

(b) what is the purpose of running these Niwases;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to private these Niwases; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Two.

(b) To provide accommodation to passengers for short stay.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Distribution of Telugu Ganga Waters

*93. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the project costing Rs. 600 crores to ensure the storage treatment and distribution of the Telugu Ganga waters in and around Madras is pending for early clearance by the World Bank; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) A project costing Rs. 505 crores for the supply of drinking water to Madras and surrounding areas prepared by the State Government is under consideration of the Government of India. Roughly Rs. 300 crores of the project cost is expected to be funded through World Bank assistance.

The project will make available 400 mld of water from the Krishna river in terms of the agreement between the States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Subsidy for purchase of apples

*94. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have promised to give subsidy to the Himachal Pradesh Government for the purchase of apples;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this subsidy is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir, However, Central Government is operating a Market Intervention Scheme in apples in Himachal Pradesh to ensure reasonable prices to the farmers immediately after the harvest when there are peak arrivals of apples in the market. The scheme is implemented on receipt of a request from the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the losses in the operations are shared equally between the Central and the State Government.

दिल्ली और जबलपुर के बीच तेज रफ्तार रेलगाड़ी

*95. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली से जबलपुर के बीच एक तेज रफ्तार रेलगाड़ी चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं तो दिल्ली तथा जबलपुर के बीच चलने वाली मौजूदा रेलगाड़ी